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## THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Historical Facts about Rutherford County Library

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#### Library Established

1938

#### Notable Librarians

Mrs. Margaret Johnson was Rutherford County's first librarian. She began working at the library in 1938.

#### First Bookmobile

Rutherford County's first bookmobile was established in 1938. It was locally funded.

#### Important Facts

The Rutherford County Library was originally made up of four unit libraries and a bookmobile. The unit libraries were: the Norris Library in Rutherfordton, the Spindale Library in Spindale, the Forest City Public Library and the Cliffside Library. The bookmobile service operated out of the Norris Public Library until 1965.

Until 1983 the County Library's sole purpose was to operate the bookmobile. The County Library was an office only with no circulating collection of its own. On January 23, 1983 the Rutherford County Library became a full service library for the first time.